Table 1
Workers engaged in R&D or design and as a percentage of total employment, by alternative measures of R&D workers: 2015
(Number and percent)

R&D workers measure	Description of R&D workers measure	Weighted R&D workers (number)	R&D workers as a percentage of total employment (%)
RD1	R&D as primary work activity	3,219,000	7
RDD1	R&D or design as primary work activity	4,298,000	9
RD2	R&D as primary or secondary work activity	8,272,000	18
RDD2	R&D or design as primary or secondary work activity	10,275,000	22
DE1	Design as primary work activity	1,079,000	2
DE2	Design as primary or secondary work activity	2,532,000	6

Note(s):

Weighted U.S. employment of college-educated individuals for percentage calculations is 45,941,000.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG), 2015.